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'CWs and families need to be part of NMI transition to 2029'

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Sablan

Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) emphasized the importance of supporting Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 560, a bill that seeks to grant permanent residency status in the Marianas to certain Commonwealth-Only Transitional Workers (CW-1) and to foreign investors admitted under Commonwealth immigration law.

» Rep. Sablan also underscores importance of HR 560

Rep. Sablan said H.R. 560 would give stability and relief to CW families and also to employers.

"CW individuals and families need to be part of our transition to 2029," she said.

Delegate Gregorio Sablan re-introduced the legislation in January 2021. His similar legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives in the last U.S. Congress, but died in the Republican-controlled Senate.

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Yeom says IPI's senior advisors lack CCC license

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Yeom

Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Andrew Yeom has disclosed that all of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's

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38 graduate from DOC's 9th Cycle academy

Thirty-eight new Department of Corrections officers received their Certificate of Completion in Basic Law Enforcement and their badges at their graduation ceremony yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. The academy was done in partnership with the Northern Marianas College and the CNMI Department of Labor. The new officers earned 40 college credits from NMC during the program and were trained in multiple subject areas that included Abnormal Psychology, Law and the Corrections Officer, Juvenile Justice, and the Dynamics of Substance Abuse. NMC

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The CNMI Department of Corrections welcomed 38 new officers following the graduation ceremony of the 9th Cycle Corrections Academy held at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Yesterday, a total of 38 corrections academy cadets were

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Stay on IPI receivership denied

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI has denied the stipulated stay requested by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC and its judgment creditors. Instead, the court has instructed court-appointed receiver Clear Management Ltd., to proceed with the auction of IPI's gaming equipment,

» Oct. 7 auction OK'd

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ESGR 2023 Freedom Award nomination period ongoing

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee for Guam and the CNMI said the nomination period for the 2023 Freedom Award is ongoing and will be until Dec. 31, 2022.

The prestigious award is the highest U.S. government honor for employers, and is meant to applaud and recognize all employers who provide exceptional support to their Guard and Reserve employees.

With nominations extending nationwide, all applications will undergo a thorough vetting process. Senior defense and military officials made up of a national selection board will select the finalists for the award. The 15 finalists will travel to the ceremony's location to receive the Freedom Award from the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

In an interview with ESGR Guam-CNMI Area chair Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., she said "We hope that our service members here in the CNMI will take time to really recognize their employers and nominate them for the freedom award, which is the highest recognition [for employers]. I know in the past we had nominees here in the CNMI so we do hope to get more nominations in," she stated, adding that although the nominations will be very competitive, "you'll never know upon nomination, your employer could be selected."

Sablan said that not only does she encourage all service members within the CNMI to nominate their employers, but that they can always reach out to the ESGR here in the CNMI, as they are very willing to give needed guidance and help in the process.

Nomination forms are available online at freedomaward.mil, and in addition to filling out the form, it is highly encouraged to give a written description of the nominee and the support that he/she rendered to service members within their employment. All nominations must come from a Guard or Reserve member who is employed by the organization they are nominating, or from a family member of the Guard or Reserve member.

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October is National Disability Employment Month

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres officially proclaimed the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to both spread awareness and recognize local employers who have actively continued to train and hire individuals with disabilities within the community.

In a brief statement from Torres following the signing of the proclamation last Wednesday at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall, he said Disability Employment Awareness is not only very important to him and the administration, but a movement that he is also passionate about.

"There's a quote that we always say 'don't look at the disability, look at their ability.' So that goes for all of us and for the employers who uphold that, thank you," he said.

According to the proclamation, the purpose of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the community about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of CNMI's workers with disabilities.

This year's theme is "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation," and in light of this year's theme, the collaborative efforts of the Disability Network Partners (DNP) will ensure that activities throughout this month will reinforce the value and talents that people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities —and thus, affirm the CNMI's commitment to an inclusive community that increases and promotes access and opportunities to all, including individuals with disabilities.

To kick off the monthlong festivities, CNMI Disability Network Partners awarded various CNMI employers who have trained and hired individuals with disabilities.

The bronze awards were given to August Supermarket, Division of Youth Services, Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Kagman High School, Karidat Social Services, Office on Aging, and Taro Sue Corp.

Meanwhile the silver awardees included Division of Tax of Revenue and Taxation, Green Meadow School, Hermans Modern Bakery, Joeten Superstore, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and the CNMI Office of the Governor.

Finally the gold awardees were Center for Living Independently in the CNMI, Herman's Modern Bakery, CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and SP Dancoe and Associates.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs the proclamation officially commemorating October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month during a proclamation signing at the Saipan World Resort Taga Hall last Wednesday.

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Muster Challenge tomorrow at CPA Airport Field

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For just the second time on Saipan, the Airport Rescue and Firefighting department and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services are hosting a Muster Challenge at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field tomorrow from 11am to 1pm.

It is a free exhibition that is open to the public which will allow individuals to go through a 10-station firefighting obstacle course pertaining to the training of firefighters—from running, pulling, carrying, forcible entry, and dragging—while in firefighter bunker gear.

ARFF and DFEMS will first demonstrate how it's done and will then set up teams within willing participants for the challenge.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting crew pose for a photo at their training facility in the Francisco M. Palacios-Saipan International Airport grounds.

ARFF's Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said that "the muster competition is an event that pertains to the fire services… It's made up of skills we normally need to perform on the line of duty. October is Fire Prevention Month so I took the lead to introduce a new event apart from what DFEMS usually does every year."

"Guam has a muster competition yearly but we [haven't had one] in a while so I wanted to introduce this muster as an exhibition for the public as a form of outreach. If you ever wanted to know what it takes to be a firefighter, now is your chance. We will have the firefighter gear for people to wear and try to complete the course as a solo or a five-person relay team," added the firefighter.

He said, "if it goes well this year, we might make it a yearly or bi annual event and an official competition. This year it's just for the public to engage with us."

Dela Cruz invites everyone to come out and enjoy the weekend by setting up tents and grills in the area during the event. There will also be food available.

DFEMS' public information officer and firefighter, Robert Mojica, reminds the public who will participate, to stay hydrated throughout the event.

For registration, call or text 670-287-0891.

CWS

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In addition to making long-term workers and investors eligible for permanent residence in the Marianas, the new Northern Mariana Islands Legal Residents Relief Act of 2021 gives those eligible for this permanent status under Public Law 116-24 another chance to apply and make certain family members eligible too.

After five years, persons with Marianas permanent residence status could apply for U.S. permanent residency.

Rep. Christina Sablan expressed her position about CW-1 workforce in her rebuttal to a question thrown to Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios during last week's 2022 Gubernatorial Candidate Debate hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at World Resort Saipan's Taga Hall.

Rep. Sablan is running for governor, with Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan) as her running mate as lieutenant governor, under the Democratic Party. Nov. 8 is the general elections.

Debate moderator Patti Arroyo said the workforce is a critical component of any market economy.

"In view of the skilled manpower shortages in the Commonwealth, how do you plan to address this issue given the annual decline of CW-1 visas and this program set to end by 2030?" Arroyo read the question.

Palacios said his administration will continue to create training programs for job skills that are needed for the CNMI's workforce.

"And we want to incentivize training by paying even up to half of employees being employed by the private sector and trained by the private sector," Palacios said.

He said the days of the CW-1 program or status are numbered. "Let's accept and embrace the H visa and a pathway to improve immigration status," Palacios said.

He said the federal government gave the CNMI a carved out unique CW program, but with a sunset provision of 2029.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Guam is surviving with H visas. Why can't we? The problem is, we seem to be afraid and scaring ourselves. Today is the day we need to begin that [program]," Palacios said.

He said the U.S. Congress told the CNMI not to come once again and that Delegate Sablan is not going to help with this, because he has already helped [so] many times about this CW-1 program.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

GRADUATE

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administered the oath of office by CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro.

The 38 cadets were: Sylvan Jr. T. Atalig, Elaine R. Attao, Tolove N. Bokuku, Manuel II Borja, Jonathan Kyle C. Camacho, Thomas Jake S. Castro, Eleniang R. Cruz, Daphne I. Cruzat, Jaedryen Deleon Guerrero, Ambros Jr. C. Delong, Anthony A. Fitial, Francisco Jacoby M. Hapdei, Niana P. Hermoso, Nievanalyn F. lguel, Ma. Sarah C. Javier, Fradley L. Jepen, James Roger P Kaipat, Jessie Noell. Kalen, Johanna K. Lizama, Klein Justine Q. Lizama, Kenneth N. Mafnas, Andy John S. Magofna, Mark H. Manahane, Eldin N. Maratita, Jessme J. Martin, Anthony Herman S. Michael, Paulino SP. Nekaifes, Jeremy R. Ngiraked, Jesse L. Olopai, Jose II K. Pangelinan, Shane Henry L. Pua, Anthony Jr. C. Rangamar, Shaina Grace B. Rios, Isael N. Saito, Jessie James C. Serrano, Louie D. Solano, Walton K. Tachielmong, and Al-lee P. Terry.

Among the graduates, Johanna Lizama landed top of the class as the 9th cycle's valedictorian, followed by Daphne Cruzat who claimed the salutatorian title. The two were asked to recite the code of ethics and a Corrections officer's prayer, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Top Gun award was given to Roger Kaipat.

In his speech to the new graduates, Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero expressed his respect and admiration for the journey these new officers will now embark on.

"You have a special charge because yes you are there to protect our community, you are there to keep us safe, you are there to hold people accountable but remember you work now for the department of imprisonment, not for the department of punishment. You work for the Department of Corrections. That's a very significant thing if you think about it. You are there to correct, to some degree, the flaws of society," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said at the end of the day, these officers are at the receiving end of some of the worst crimes seen on our island, and must guide convicts to change, and that is no easy task.

"When we look at all the problems we have in our community, these cadets, our men and women in DOC, are at the receiving end of that. Whether its drugs, substance abuse, violence, robberies, whatever crime may be out there, they are on the receiving ends. They are not only there to hold people accountable, but in a special way, as part of their duty and responsibilities, they are there to help those who no one else can help. Yes we have some great programs like the Drug Court, we have some great rehabilitation programs, but you're the front liners when it comes to working with those who are incarcerated. You're there to keep them safe from themselves," he said.

The NMC president said he has nothing but respect and admiration for the men and women in DOC because they are there to care for those who in a way, the rest of society has given up on.

"It's up to you to keep them safe, look after them, and to really take care them. We are all blessed that you have all stepped up to take on that responsibility, to take on that sacred oath of taking care of our community by protecting those who are incarcerated. So as you move forward with your charge, please know that we all stand behind you. You all serve such an important role in our community and in our society that no one else serves," he said.

YEOM

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senior advisors as indicated in IPI's current organization titles, do not have a CCC license at this time.

Yeom, in his recent report to the CCC board, said based on IPI's active employee status report submitted to CCC, the company has key management employees.

He said lacking a CCC license is a major violation of the law and the casino regulation.

In the meantime, Yeom said, these key management employees have submitted applications for registration to CCC just so that they can talk to CCC as "a work around only."

On the question if the CNMI government has an account for arbitration with IPI, he said it seems that no one really knows if such an account exists.

Yeom said no one at CCC, even himself, knows who to even talk to about this matter.

On Aug. 24, 2022, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted IPI's request for a preliminary injunction against CCC to prohibit the commission from revoking IPI's exclusive casino license.

Manglona issued the order to allow IPI to pursue its right to arbitration. She ordered CCC to participate in the arbitration process.

Arbitration is part of the Casino License Agreement provision that grants IPI the right to arbitrate disputes.

STAY

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which is set to close today, Oct. 7.

Following a status conference yesterday to discuss the recent motion to stay the receivership. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied the parties' stipulation to stay the limited receivership.

"The auction will go forward for the sale of defendant IPI's remaining gaming equipment identified by the Court's order," said Manglona.

During the hearing, attorney Michael White, Clear Management's attorney, opposed the stipulated motion to stay the receivership.

Meanwhile, IPI's judgment creditors informed the court that they would soon be filing notices of satisfaction of judgments.

Despite this, IPI's creditors informed the court of their intent to file notice of satisfaction of judgment proving IPI has indeed no outstanding judgments against them. However, the court still ruled against the motion to stay.

Manglona also requested an inquiry regarding a list of potential creditors that Tim Shepherd, the receiver, is aware of.

IPI was requested to also produce a list of creditors.

Following the order denying the stay, IPI's attorney Samuel Slayer requested a stay on the court's decision to deny the stay of the receivership.

Slayer reported to the court that defendant IPI is working on fulfilling judgments owed to creditors and requested the limited receivership be stayed.

However, this verbal motion was also denied.

The court will issue an official order on the motion later.

According to court documents, last Wednesday, the parties who have assumed the role of U.S.A Fanter Corp. Ltd., in the receivership currently active against IPI agreed on a stay on the limited receivership following payments made by IPI to resolve outstanding judgments against them.

The motion noted that on Oct. 4, IPI and the plaintiffs in *Wang et al. v. Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI) LLC*, executed a settlement agreement that fully and finally resolved the over $5 million claim against IPI.

"IPI made full payment of the amount due pursuant to this settlement agreement to the Wang plaintiffs and to a designated escrow agent on Oct. 4, 2022," the stipulated motion states.

Meanwhile, on Oct. 3, IPI and the plaintiffs in *Genc et al. v. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC*, reached an agreement for a compromise settlement of the Fair Labor Standards Act judgment in the amount of $477,935.91.

IPI made the full payment pursuant to this agreement on Oct. 5.

Lastly, on Oct. 3, IPI and N15 Architecture reached an agreement to fully and finally resolve N15's judgment of $149,195.50 against IPI.

"IPI made full payment of the amount due pursuant to this agreement on Oct. 4, 2022. N15 filed an acknowledgement of satisfaction of judgment and motion for withdrawal from Limited Receivership on Oct. 5," the motion states.

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What is the lawsuit about?
The lawsuit alleges that the fuel pumps that are manufactured by Denso and its affiliates and installed in certain Toyota and Lexus vehicles contain a defective component. Toyota and Denso deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing and the Court has not decided who is right. Instead, the parties decided to settle.

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The Court will hold a fairness hearing on **December 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. ET** to: (a) consider whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (b) decide the plaintiffs' lawyers' request for fees up to $28.5 million and costs and expenses of up to $500,000 and Class Representative service awards of either $2,500 or $3,500 each, depending upon whether they had an inspection. The motion for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, and Class Representative service awards will be posted on the website after they are filed. You may but are not required to appear at the hearing, and you may hire an attorney to appear for you, at your own expense.

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$5K bail for suspect who had threatened man with BB gun

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The Superior Court has imposed a $5,000 cash bail on a man accused of threatening another with a BB gun, a type of air gun, at the victim's residence in Kagman.

Last Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho imposed a $5,000 cash bail on Arl Ichihara Norita, 44, who was arrested for threatening another man with a BB gun at the victim's residence in Kagman last week.

Camacho

Norita is currently facing charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace.

Following his bail hearing, Camacho remanded the defendant back to Department of Corrections custody.

Norita was represented by assistant public defender Karie Comstock while assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

According to court documents, the complainant told police that on the evening of Sept. 30, 2022, he was outside his shack on his residence in Kagman when he saw a dark blue vehicle parked on the northern side of the roadway with its headlights turned off.

The victim said this prompted him to approach the car but when he did, it took off.

Sometime later, the car came back so he approached it again. However, like the first encounter, the vehicle took off again.

At about 8:45pm, the victim said the same vehicle came back and parked on the roadway in front of the residence, and the driver, later identified as Norita, got out of the vehicle and called him.

The victim said he noticed Norita had what appeared to be a gun in his right hand.

As he walked toward Norita, the complainant said Norita's gun was pointed at him so he told Norita that he would call the police

The victim said it was only when Norita got back inside his car when he called 911.

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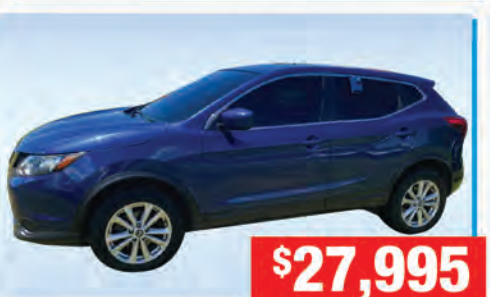

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Coming together when disasters hit

Minnesotans know what it's like to deal with a disaster. We've been through tornadoes, historic floods and withering droughts.

So our hearts go out to Floridians in their time of need. The concern is even more significant because of Minnesotans' strong ties to the Sunshine State. Naples, perched on Florida's southwest coast, is a favorite of snowbirds here, even boasting a Minnesota Breakfast Club founded nearly 60 years ago.

The Minnesota Twins make Florida their spring training home at their complex in the badly hit area of Fort Myers. That complex now is serving as an emergency staging area, and Twins President Dave St. Peter said recently on a broadcast that he was proud that the organization could help the community "in this time of need."

Hundreds of Xcel linemen have headed to Florida to help restore power in affected cities. Volunteers from the Red Cross of Minnesota and the Dakotas will be there distributing food, water and supplies, and Gov. Tim Walz has said the Minnesota National Guard stands ready to lend a hand if needed.

There are, and should be, no politics when disaster strikes. These are times that should draw us together, that make us realize how vulnerable we all are and how important it is to be there for one another in whatever capacity we have.

Minnesota received federal disaster relief after 23 counties in the state were hit by May tornadoes, flooding, and severe storms.

When Hurricane Ian struck Florida, President Joe Biden within days had approved disaster relief to the stricken areas, even as the storm continued to move through.

Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who harbors presidential ambitions himself, should take note of how this president has handled aid to his state, and ignore the lessons of Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, whose shamefully partisan response to Puerto Rico's devastation from Hurricane Maria will live in infamy.

Although there was substantial controversy surrounding the number of deaths, Puerto Rico finally put the toll at nearly 3,000. Thousands more were left without water, power or shelter. When he visited the island, Trump flung paper towels at the crowds, a gesture many viewed as insulting and degrading. He lashed out at a Puerto Rican mayor with the temerity to criticize the gesture. Three years later, thousands continued to live under makeshift tarps. Trump, it later turned out, had delayed $20 billion in aid to Puerto Rico with unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles, according to a 2021 inspector general's report.

Former Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson, who is retired and owns a condo in Punta Gorda, Florida, was a victim of Hurricane Ian's fury. He and former first lady Susan Carlson were letting friends stay at their condo when they got reports of water damage at the storm's start. He stressed the importance of "taking off the partisan hat" when leading a

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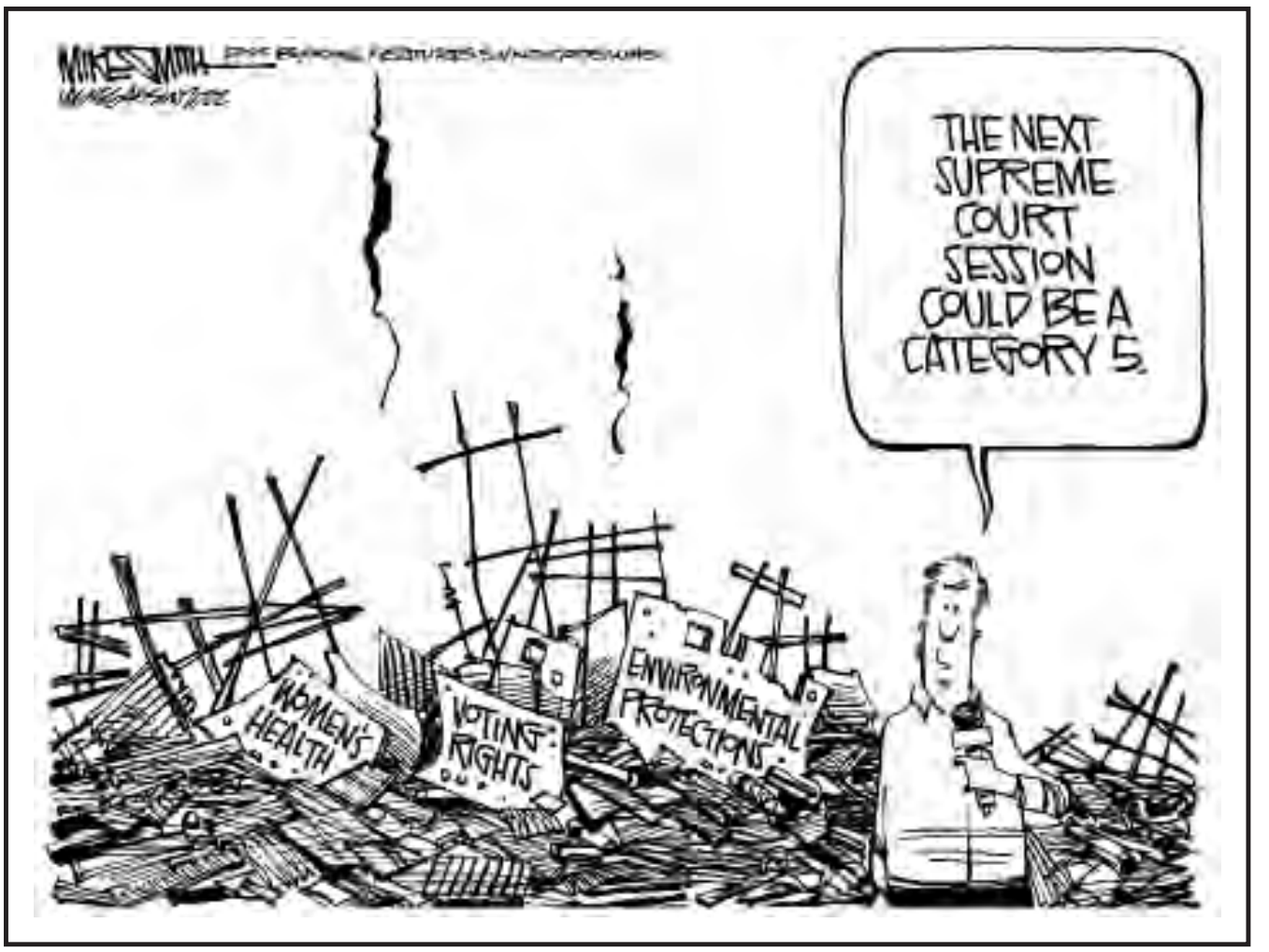

Rapidly accelerating book bans are part of a coordinated assault on public education

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Over the last year and a half, young people and educators have witnessed a growing campaign to silence voices in our nation's schools. Districts across the country are banning books with unprecedented frequency, directly undermining students' freedom to learn. This movement has gained momentum from local and national advocacy groups, many with conservative leanings, as well as political pressure from elected officials.

PEN America, where I direct free expression and education programs, recently published research documenting the scope of this threat in stark detail. During the 2021 to 2022 school year—from July 2021 through June 2022—nearly 140 school districts in 32 states issued more than 2,500 book bans.

These bans overwhelmingly targeted books that feature protagonists of color, explore issues of race and racism, tell stories with LGBTQ+ characters or contain sexual content of any kind. This is blatant suppression, driven by long-held prejudices toward the LGBTQ+ community and extremist Christian attitudes toward sexuality, morality and American culture. The movement to ban books has also been propelled by backlash to the The New York Times' "1619 Project" and anti-"CRT" sentiment, as well as from opposition to masking and the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Demands to ban books in schools are not new. But what is new is the level of organization and coordination driving it. We are now seeing a wide network of advocacy organizations assemble long lists of titles to be purged from school shelves and share strategies on how to embarrass, intimidate or pressure school administrators into appeasing their demands.

Our research found at least 50 of these groups working locally and nationally to advocate for book bans—some of which already have hundreds of independent chapters, like Moms For Liberty, a conservative "parental rights" organization that was founded in 2021.

These groups pressure schools and districts to circumvent established guidelines for determining what books should be used in curricula or available in school libraries. They use the rhetoric of parental rights to trump the expertise of educators and librarians, while notably ignoring the differing views of other parents and students.

Fewer than 4% of the book bans we identified were the result of detailed objections and transparent, considered processes that allowed input and deliberation among professionals and parents together—or even mandated that books be read before they are banned. Writer Dr. Farah Jasmine Griffin remarked at a recent PEN event, "People who read books don't ban them."

In Walton, Florida, when the superintendent decided to yank two dozen books off school library shelves, for example, he told the press, "I haven't read one paragraph of the books at this time." His decision to pull those titles was done unilaterally, based on a list emailed to him by one of these advocacy groups. Those groups somehow held more sway than the views of teachers, librarians and parents who disagreed with the bans in the district.

Alarming as these bans are, they represent just one part of a broader political and cultural campaign to censor what is taught in schools. We're in the midst of an assault on public education that rivals the reactionary panics of the Red Scare and the McCarthy era. This "Ed Scare" is not just focused on rooting out communism, but on censoring a broad range of topics with little regard for students' freedom to read, learn and think.

This is evident in the rise and spread of educational gag orders—bills and laws aimed at restricting teaching and learning—which have targeted all the same topics, and are encroaching not only on K-12 schools, but also on what can be taught in colleges and universities.

And the clashes show no signs of abating, especially as we head into a midterm election season where candidates are running on these kinds of policies. Taken together, the battles playing out in our schools imperil the principle of free expression enshrined in the First Amendment. Moreover, bans on books representing historically marginalized identities send students an especially pernicious message about what stories—and what identities—belong.

Fighting back against these coordinated attempts is essential to protecting open inquiry in education, which equips students with the tools they need to thrive in our diverse society. We all ought to be worried if public schools are forced to prioritize fear of controversy and political reprisal over learning.

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Forget about diplomacy. Putin's annexation guarantees a longer war

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September was a rocky month for Vladimir Putin.

First came a tactical embarrassment of monumental proportions, when Russian forces lost more than 1,000 square miles of territory south of Kharkiv, Ukraine, in a manner of days—exposing the Russian army's slapdash nature for the umpteenth time. Then came the diplomatic finger-wagging from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who used a public appearance with Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit to urge him toward dialogue. A day earlier, Putin himself acknowledged that China, which Moscow increasingly depends on for political and economic support, had "questions and concerns" about how the war was proceeding.

Putin's mobilization of 300,000 reservists, a decision he avoided for nearly eight months, sparked the most vocal acts of opposition from the Russian public since the war began. Protests cropped up in dozens of cities and towns across the country. Terrified at the idea of risking their lives for a mystifying cause, men eligible for the draft rushed to airports, bus depots and train stations; at least 200,000 Russians have fled the country since the Kremlin's order was announced. Russian business leaders are so concerned about the loss of able-bodied workers that they are asking the Russian government to exempt those with specialized skills.

Putin is therefore desperate for anything he can call a win. His highly manufactured signing ceremony on Friday at the Grand Kremlin Palace, where he approved the incorporation of four Ukrainian regions—Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia—into the Russian Federation, was meant to serve that purpose. Addressing hundreds of dignitaries underneath a gaudy chandelier, Putin lambasted the collective West for attempting to destroy Russia and colonizing others throughout history. The irony of these remarks occurring at the same time Russia is trying to colonize Ukraine was apparently lost on Putin.

"I want the Kyiv authorities and their real masters in the West to hear me, so that they remember this," Putin bellowed. "People living in Luhansk and Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia are becoming our citizens. Forever."

Nobody on the planet, save outcasts such as North Korea and Syria, are buying into it. President Joe Biden promptly released a statement calling Moscow's annexation of occupied Ukrainian territories an illegitimate, offensive trampling of the United Nations Charter. Even before the fraudulent annexation referendums were over, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz let it be known that Berlin would "never recognize" the results. Even U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, whose language has been relatively restrained so as not to damage the U.N.'s credibility as a peace mediator, was livid.

On its face, it would seem that Putin's annexation of east and southeast Ukraine doesn't change things all that much. Just like Russia's previous absorption of Crimea, Moscow will insist these four Ukrainian regions are now an integral part of its territory, while everybody else will reject this change of status as if it never happened.

The Crimea comparison, however, doesn't hold. Crimea was already under full Russian control when Putin took it over. The Crimea takeover was also bloodless; Ukrainian government forces didn't put up a fight.

Not so with the Ukrainian oblasts Putin annexed on Friday. In fact, the Russians don't have full control over any of them. Putin, in other words, has essentially declared victory over swaths of Ukraine he doesn't control—and the Ukrainians have no intent of giving it to him. By seeking to create a victory out of the jaws of defeat, Putin has just created another problem for the depleted and underresourced Russian military, which will now be expected, at a minimum, to capture every inch of Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia. Anything less would be another blunder for Putin and his war effort, not to mention more evidence of Russia's numerous military shortcomings.

The annexation is significant for another reason: It puts the kibosh on end-of-war diplomacy between Kyiv and Moscow. True, there wasn't much diplomacy to begin with. Both sides believe it's in their interest to keep fighting for their own distinct reasons. For Ukraine, it's about not wanting to legitimize the seizure of territory by the Russians or offer them a much-needed freeze in the conflict, which Moscow would use to rest and rearm for future offensives. For Russia, it's partly about preventing a scenario in which the original war objectives have to be downsized, a tacit admission of failure. Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy are in many ways conducting the same strategy: Bide your time and outlast the other until exhaustion sets in.

Last week's events, however, change the game. If the prospects of a negotiation were infinitesimal last week, they are practically impossible today. Zelenskyy said as much before and after the faux referendums were conducted: If Putin annexes anything, talks are a worthless exercise.

This is troubling news for those around the world who want the war to end as soon as possible. But our feelings are irrelevant. The only two people who can end the fighting don't want to.

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state in times of crisis.

"The instant response of President Biden has been superb," said Carlson, a Republican when he was governor. "It's been competent and humane. He has pushed all political differences aside, recognized all Americans. He knows that if Florida is hurting, we are all hurting as Americans."

Carlson recalled that during one episode when he flew to St. Louis for a meeting with then-Democratic President Bill Clinton on disaster relief, "He could not have been warmer and more helpful. He knew where I was coming from. We had disagreed on many issues. But he never allowed politics to come in when he dealt with our needs. I've served under Democratic and Republican presidents. In every instance, when you needed help you got it."

That has not always been true of Congress. In 2013, DeSantis, then a newly elected congressman from Florida, voted to block aid for victims of Hurricane Sandy on fiscal grounds on two separate occasions. Sandy, it should be recalled, cut a path of destruction across eight countries, causing an estimated $70 billion in damages, with especially severe damage in the blue states of New Jersey and New York.

DeSantis, understandably, is not concerned at the moment about the congressional budget. The collapse of the Sanibel Causeway cost the Florida island its only ground link to mainland Florida. It may be years before the island returns to normal, if ever. Ian ravaged coastal towns, and the death toll continues to mount. More than 491,000 homes and businesses still lacked power at the start of this week.

Carlson called DeSantis' vote against Sandy "a disgrace" and one for which he should express regret. "Now he knows what it's like to lead a state that has suffered something almost unimaginable," Carlson said. "But it shouldn't have to come to that. When emergencies hit, that is the time to put country ahead of oneself and the grasp for power."

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Iran's ruler faces a formidable new foe—schoolgirls

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A week ago, I worried that the anti-regime demonstrations in Iran might falter if the mostly young protesters didn't get some help from grown-ups—like the trade unions, say, or the so-called moderate elements within the theocratic state. I reckoned it would take the participation of groups of that stature to rattle Ali Khamenei, the Islamic Republic's ruthless supreme leader.

The adults have not yet risen to the occasion, but the tyrant and his theocrats have been confronted and confounded by an unexpected constituency: schoolgirls. They represent a new kind of challenge for a regime that usually deals with dissent by licensing its security forces to use torture and murder. Does Khamenei dare turn his thugs on children?

Now in its third week, the protests have evolved from an expression of disgust over the death of a young woman, Mahsa Amini, in the custody of Iran's notorious morality police. Women continue to dominate the demonstrations, but they are no longer content merely to burn their hijabs, or headscarves, in symbolic opposition to the regime's restrictive dress code. Now, they are calling for the dismantling of the entire theocratic edifice of the state.

Their ranks have been joined by schoolgirls, who are likewise calling for the downfall of the regime. Video clips of girls confronting teachers and officials in classrooms are proliferating on social media, despite the government's efforts to impose a communications blackout. In some clips, the kids can be heard chanting "Death to the dictator," and stomping on images of Khamenei—and even of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic.

Even for a regime practiced in the dark arts of dissimulation, these videos are hard to reconcile with its usual dismissal of dissent as the work of foreign actors. Per usual, Khamenei is blaming the protests on the U.S. and Israel, but he will struggle to explain how they managed to reach into the classrooms, past the minders appointed by the state, to pollute the minds of children.

Demonstrations have also spread across university campuses across the country, accelerating after a bloody crackdown on protesters at Tehran's Sharif University. Beating down on college students is practically routine for the regime, however, and Iranians are all too familiar with images of carnage in the campus, especially from 1999, when Khamenei unleashed the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and the Basij militia against students protesting censorship.

But the supreme leader has never set his attack dogs upon schoolkids—not yet, anyway. Will the IRGC and Basij balk at clubbing children into submission, especially given the risk that their actions will be caught on cellphone cameras and shown to the wide world?

They must know that the world is paying attention. In the US, Canada, Europe and Turkey, there have been rallies in solidarity with the Iranian protesters. Their signature slogan— "Women! Life! Freedom!"—has been taken up in Afghanistan, where women are fighting their own battles against misogynistic rulers.

World leaders are watching, too. Having already announced sanctions against the morality police and other regime officials, President Biden has announced he will impose "further costs" on those responsible for violence against the protesters. The European Union is considering sanctions requests from Germany, France, Denmark, Spain, Italy and the Czech Republic.

Any action against schoolkids will undoubtedly invite harsher penalties, such as expulsion of diplomats and barring Iran from international forums. Even allies like China and Russia will find it hard to back Tehran in those circumstances.

But perhaps most worrying for the supreme leader is that a crackdown against children might finally bring the grown-ups into the streets. The kids are a problem Khamenei can't easily solve.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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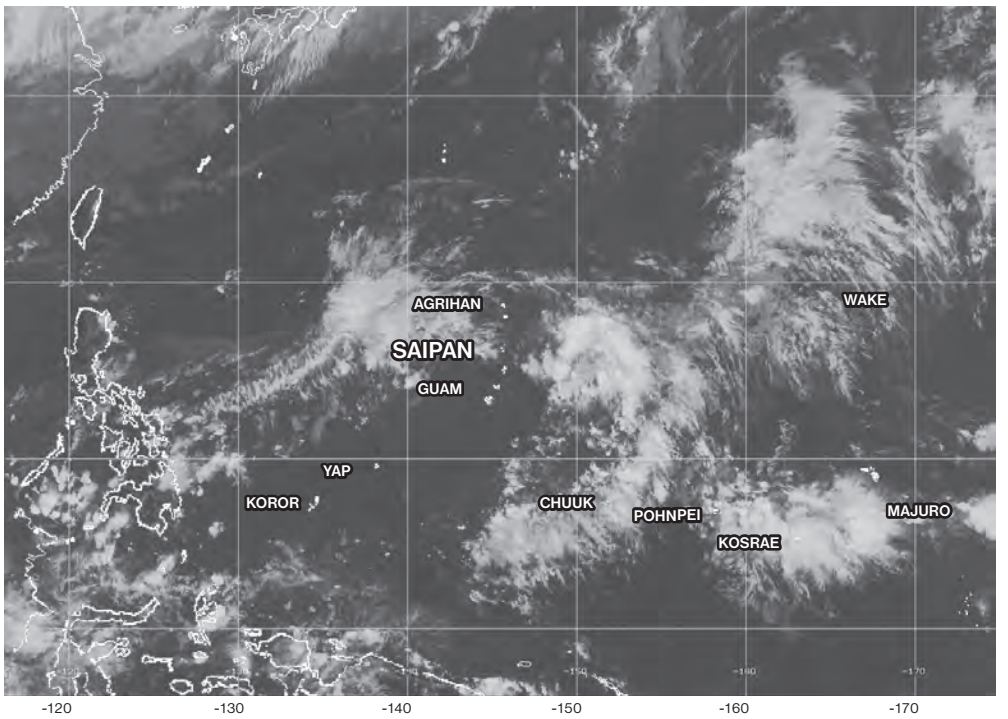

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UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	4:00PM	11:05AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA192/112	10:25PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
UA184/112	11:50PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Guam
OZ704/623	11:55PM	2:30PM+1	2,5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

CCDF-CNMI Brain Builders hold Café sessions with parents

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The CNMI Brain Builders Team, along with the Child Care Development Fund and Evergreen Learning, wish to extend their appreciation to the staff and leadership of the Child Care Centers for their assistance and collaboration in making these Café sessions a success. ***(PR)***

VARO recognition on 40th anniversary

HAGATNA, Guam—October 2022 is a milestone for Victim Advocates Reaching Out, or VARO, as they are celebrating 40 years of service to the people of Guam.

In recognition of VARO's service, Senator Amanda Shelton will present a Legislative Resolution in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing room at 11am on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022. The resolution also commends VARO for efforts to educate and ensure victims' safety while providing services for the people of Guam.

Additionally, Gov. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Joshua F. Tenorio will proclaim October 2022 as VARO month in a proclamation signing on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022 at 11am in the Large Conference Room of the Office of the Governor in Adelup.

VARO will celebrate its Anniversary by hosting an inaugural Purple Gala on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at 6pm, in the Nikko Hotel Tasi Ballroom. Tickets are available for purchase at $100 each. VARO is also seeking prize donations for the night of the event. For more information, call 671-477-5552. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-22

TINIAN PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT
TINIAN HARBOR

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the replacement of seaport perimeter fence, Tinian Harbor, Tinian Island. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning **September 02, 2022**, upon payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport CPA conference room on **September 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** The conference is not mandatory, but proposers submitting their proposals are requested to attend.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 07, 2022.** Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

September 02, 2022

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CNMI Republican Party
CNMI REPUBLICAN PARTY and
THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT RALPH and VINNIE
HAVE SUCESSFUL VISIT TO STATESIDE VOTERS

For Immediate Release
October 6, 2022

(Garapan, Saipan) The Republican Party was welcomed by hundreds of Constituents state by state. They visited San Diego, Las Vegas, Glendale, Houston, Boise, Portland, Tacoma and Honolulu.

Each state hosting team brought together our constituents, a wonderful meal and great Republican Spirit. Showing their support and confidence in Honorable Gov. Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor to-be the Honorable Senator Vinnie F. Sablan and all the candidates running under the Republican Party on Saipan, Tinian, Rota and the Northern Islands.

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“The passed few weeks, I've had the privilege to reunite with family, friends, and form bonds with new people from home who are currently residing in the mainland. They were open to express their thoughts and views and allowed me to share the vision I have for our Commonwealth.

Spending time with everyone in different parts of the states definitely enabled me to bring a sense of home. I was embraced with their Håfa Adai yan Tirow spirits and certainly felt where their hearts remain, back home in the CNMI. It was great to hear that one day they hope to return back home.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase to everyone who opened their hearts and homes. I'm forever grateful.” said, Lt. Governor Candidate Senator Vinnie F. Sablan

“Our trip was a huge success! The response was humbling, family and friends came from afar to see us, to spend time with us, to hear what we had to say and what we had to share. On behalf of the GOP Board and the entire Republican Party, Un Sen Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow and Thank You to each and every one who made the time to meet with us and to hear the plans of the Republican Party. Also special thanks to the families and friends who assisted us along the way, we are most grateful.” said President Candace Celis.

“Thank you to Senator Vinnie F. Sablan and his wife Roca Q. Sablan for making the trip with the team. Having the opportunity for our constituents to hear what we have done and our future plans to continue to provide the opportunities for our people, protecting the retirees and once day they can come back to where they call home. Thank you to all that made the time to join the gatherings as well as all the committees and volunteers that helped organize the gatherings.” says Governor Torres.

Joining this trip were Senator Vinnie Sablan, Roca Q. Sablan, Chairman of the Committee to Elect James A. Ada, President of the Republican Party Candace Celis, Republican Party Vice President Shayne Villanueva and Attorney and Senior Advisor of the Republican Party Vincent Torres.

For information on joining the movement to elect TORRES-SABLAN for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, and our entire Republican slate please contact:

CNMI GOP President Candace Celis
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CNMI REPUBLICAN PARTY AND COMMITTEE TO ELECT TORRES-SABLAN THANKS ALL ABSENTEE VOTERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

as of October 07, 2022

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. U.S.A. Fanter Corporation, Ltd.	08/05/2022 SMS-2012-X-061-A1	Cement Batching Plant & Hollow Block Facility	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	On Hold
2. Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.	08/15/2022 SMS-2022-056	AK Toyota Lexus Saipan Dealership Facility	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
3. Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR)	09/09/2022 SS-2022-061	Construction of a Concrete Beach Pavilion	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 9/20/2022
4. Department of Public Works (DPW)	09/21/2022 SS-2022-062	Route 33 - Beach Road Repair (CDBG - Disaster Relief)	Beach Road Oleai - Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Review*
5. Department of Land & Natural Resources - Division of Fish & Wildlife (DLNR-DFW)	09/22/2022 TPILR-2022-008	Marina Floating Dock Restoration Project	San Jose, Tinian	Ports & Industrial, Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 10/03/2022
6. Mayor of Rota	09/26/2022 RSm-2022-005	Coconut Thatch & Wooden Huts	Songsong, Rota	Shoreline	Approved* 10/03/2022
7. Aqua Del Rey Saipan Inc.	09/27/2022 SLR-2022-064	Scuba Diving Instructions	Grotto, LaoLao Beach, Obyan Beach, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 09/28/2022
8. Ken Aqua Hotel & Resort, Inc Aqua Resort Club Saipan	09/27/2022 SS-2022-065	Construction of a Concrete Barbecue Deck	Achugao, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 10/03/2022
9. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC)	09/28/2022 SPlm-2022-066	Archaeological Monitoring & Data Recovery	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 10/04/2022
10. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC)	10/03/2022 SSWPl-2017-X-063-A1	Lower Base Sewer Phase II - Gravity Mains	Lowerbase, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetlands & Mangroves, Ports & Industrial	Under Review
11. Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR)	10/05/2022 SSPlm-2023-001	Construction of Five Concrete Picnic Tables	Lowerbase, Saipan	Shoreline, Ports & Industrial	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

'First Friday' is back at Marianas Creations

Local art and culture promotion event "First Friday" is back again.

For the month of October, Marianas Creations will be hosting an Artists Night on October's First Friday with acoustic live music from singer and performer John, Jonathan, and Ken on Oct 7, from 6pm to 10pm at its location on Micro Beach Road.

This First Friday Marianas Creations is welcoming all our artists and patrons to come together as a community and celebrate three years of supporting local art and products in the CNMI. You will be able to sponsor any artists who will join us tonight or you will also be able to sponsor for future nights. You will be provided with an artists list and you can choose how much and how you want to sponsor our artists & help through their journey of creating art locally.

To anyone who is interested in live music. Their live music schedule will be 6pm-7pm John Uhrich from Sea & Sky band performing songs written by himself. Jonathan and Ken will be performing at 7pm-9pm. They will be doing acoustic style songs for the crowd where the acoustic duo will entertain you all night while you enjoy and support local art and artists.

We will also have new arrivals from different local artists on our First Friday. Marianas Creations is also releasing their website, www.marianascreations.com, where you can buy local products online.

Marianas Creations will also be serving local drinks, craft beers, handcrafted cocktails including local liquor from Mariana Breeze, local coffee from Marianas Coffee Co., and locally produced sodas. They will be serving a plate of the day entree and several appetizers too during the event.

In addition, it is an open mic for anyone who would like to share their talents in singing, instruments, poetry, comedy, dancing, etc.

Marianas Creations is currently soliciting for artists interested in showcasing their work to contact the shop. Additionally, they are seeking anyone who produces local products to contact the shop. ***(PR)***

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NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: **FISCAL OFFICER**
PAY-LEVEL: P.L. 28 / STEP 1-10 ($40,017 – $62,080)
REPORTS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

This is an exempt professional position responsible for the management of office/program fiscal systems including but not limited to all accounts receivables and program expenditures. The Fiscal Officer is selected by and reports to the Executive Director and works under limited supervision within prescribed standards, policies and procedures.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree (B.A. and/or B.S.) in a field related to work of this position or no less than 120 credit hours from an accredited post-secondary school in areas related to the work of this position;
- ✓ No less than four (4) years of experience that demonstrates a thorough understanding of federal and/or state grants management systems and any applicable policies, laws and other relevant regulations; and
- ✓ No less than four (4) years of experience that demonstrates a thorough understanding of accounting and/or auditing concepts as they apply to state and federal government funds.

HOW TO APPLY:
Interested applicants may pick up a complete job description and application forms at the NMPASI office located on middle road approximately 100 yards north of the Gualo Rai traffic light intersection. Completed application must be submitted to the Executive Director at the NMPASI Office. In order for applications to be considered they must include **(1) a Cover Letter (2) a Resume'** and **(3) Completed Application forms.** Incomplete Application and/or applications which do not demonstrate that the applicant meets the minimum qualifications as listed above or do not meet the deadline for submittal do not meet will not be considered. For further information, please feel free to contact **Mr. Gregory Borja at (670) 235-7273/4 (Voice)/ (670) 287-0652 (Message)** or email at **gborja@nmpasi.org. NMPASI is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AT 4PM

Eli D. Cabrera
Administrator

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MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on ***Thursday, October 13, 2022*** at ***10:30AM*** at the DCRM Learning Center, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center II, on Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

To minimize the threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation will continue and encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315) or join via telephone by calling the DCRM office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance and most updated information as Zoom meeting access code may change.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  A. Call to Order
  B. Roll Call
  C. Adoption of Agenda
  D. Adoption of August 09, 2022 Meeting Minutes
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
  1) CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2022-056
  Project: AK TOYOTA LEXUS DEALERSHIP FACILITY
  Applicant: ATKINS KROLL (SAIPAN), INC.
  Atkins Kroll Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct its new headquarters building and a Toyota-Lexus Dealership facility in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The project is situated on Lot No. E.A. 896-R2, measuring a total area of about 15,000 square meters, more or less, which borders with Route 30, Chalan Pale Arnold to the northwest, the U.S. Army Reserve complex, a vacant parcel to the northeast, the ANAKS Ocean View Condominiums to the east, and the Marianas Heights commercial buildings on the south side of the property. The project includes auto dealership area and parking, auto parts and services, sales offices, storage and working areas, conference rooms, vehicle showrooms, lounge areas, breakrooms, and restrooms. A large customer parking area will be provided with ADA compliant parking stalls, drive pathways, retaining walls, site illumination and site security networks, pedestrian pathways, and vegetative decors.
  a. Agencies' Discussion
  b. Agencies' Final Determination
IV. OTHER MATTERS
V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ RICHARD V. SALAS
Director, DCRM

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The Committee to Elect Ralph and Vinnie members visit Honolulu, Hawaii.

"This was an amazing experience for me to represent our candidates and the whole team while abroad. It was very humbling to see all the constituents and support across all the states. We cannot thank enough all of those who helped and volunteered, those who listened and gave comments and appreciation," said GOP vice president Shayne Villanueva.

"The past few weeks, I've had the privilege to reunite with family, friends, and form bonds with new people from home who are currently residing in the mainland. They were open to express their thoughts and views and allowed me to share the vision I have for our Commonwealth. Spending time with everyone in different parts of the states definitely enabled me to bring a sense of home. I was embraced with their Håfa Adai yan Tirow spirits and certainly felt where their hearts remain, which is back home in the CNMI. It was great to hear that one day they hope to return back home. Si Yu'us Ma'ase to everyone who opened their hearts and homes. I'm forever grateful," said Sablan

"Our trip was a huge success! The response was humbling, family and friends came from afar to see us, to spend time with us, to hear what we had to say and what we had to share. On behalf of the GOP Board and the entire Republican Party, Un Sen Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow and Thank You to each and every one who made the time to meet with us and to hear the plans of the Republican Party. Also special thanks to the families and friends who assisted us along the way, we are most grateful," said GOP president Candace Celis.

"Thank you to Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan and his wife Roca Q. Sablan for making the trip with the team. Having the opportunity for our constituents to hear what we have done and our future plans to continue to provide the opportunities for our people, protecting the retirees and once day they can come back to where they call home. Thank you to all that made the time to join the gatherings as well as all the committees and volunteers that helped organize the gatherings," said Torres.

Joining this trip were Sablan, Roca Q. Sablan, Celis, Villanueva, and attorney and senior advisor of the Republican Party Vincent Torres.

For information on joining the movement to elect Torres-Sablan for governor and lieutenant governor and the entire Republican slate, contact Celis at cnmigop2022@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

The Committee to Elect Ralph and Vinnie members visit Portland, Oregon.

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The Committee to Elect Ralph and Vinnie members visit Tacoma, Washington.

Garapan Revitalization Project updates Chamber on progress

Welcomed as a guest presenter during the September Saipan Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting, CNMI Office of Planning and Development deputy director and Garapan Revitalization Task Force chair Christopher A. Concepcion shared with the Saipan business community the exciting progress made thus far in the Garapan Revitalization Project.

Being one of OPD's premier initiatives, the project seeks to reinvigorate the Garapan Core and turn the area into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly hub for tourists, businesses, and the community.

Concepcion briefed the meeting attendees on the project's scope and shared renderings of Garapan once all work is completed. Concepcion also shared that the project is expected to break ground within the next 30 days, and that the construction schedule for the project is 18-24 months.

The project's features include repairing and re-paving streets, maximizing on-street parking, the installation of new trees and landscaping, bike lanes and shared streets, and an opened-up Paseo de Marianas, which will serve as a hybrid street and event space.

"We thank the Saipan Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to brief their members on the ongoing Garapan Revitalization Project. This project is one of the most important infrastructure related projects happening in the Commonwealth right now due to the long-term economic impact it will have on the business community, and ultimately on government tax revenues," said Concepcion.

"There are more hotel rooms, gift shops, shopping centers, restaurants, bars, and other businesses located in the Garapan Core than anywhere else in the CNMI. The Garapan Revitalization Project will enhance our main tourist district and make it enticing for businesses to open, expand or renovate so they are able to capture more market share and generate more revenue. It's been a long time coming but we are finally going to fix up our main tourist district."

The Garapan Revitalization Project is made possible through an $11.2-million grant award from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Making up the GRP team are Concepcion, OPD administrative assistant Hillary C. Agulto, and project manager Timothy R. Lang of TRL Architecture. A/E services for the project is led by GHD, Inc. Landscape architecture is led by Belt Collins/Bowers+Kubota.

The Garapan Revitalization Project is one of several supporting action plans that seek to move the CNMI toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

OPD supports interagency efforts to transform Garapan into a premier, family-friendly tourist destination as envisioned over a decade ago in the 2007 Garapan and Beach Road Revitalization Plan. To achieve this, the Garapan Revitalization Task Force (GRTF) was reestablished in 2018 and is composed of businesses, residents, and relevant government agencies.

Thus far, the GRTF has updated the 2007 Plan to reflect Garapan's current needs and priorities and has supported proposals for legislation to create a "Community Improvement District" that will establish a funding mechanism to support priority projects in Garapan. This work aims to build out infrastructure and processes for organizations and management, and to make the core of Garapan the vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and cohesive focal point of business, cultural, and civic activities on Saipan.

Learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the CNMI's plans to achieve them in the Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan (CSDP) linked here. Learn more about OPD and its other current projects at opd.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

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Conceptual images of what the Garapan Core will look like when the Garapan Revitalization Project is completed, shared by CNMI Office of Planning and Development deputy director and Garapan Revitalization Task Force chair Christopher A. Concepcion during a guest presentation last September for Saipan Chamber of Commerce members.

Amata welcomes administration response

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Uifa'atali Amata is welcoming a response from the Biden Administration stating that the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM) will not be expanded. In a response letter to the congresswoman's earlier inquiry, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Director Martha Williams said the administration is not considering an expansion to PRIMNM.

» That PRIMNM will not be expanded
» Congresswoman's letter to Fishery Service objects to proposed fleet restrictions

Williams said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce, and the FWS, part of the Department of the Interior, are co-leads in preparing the Monument Management Plan (MMP) for the PRIMNM.

"As part of this ongoing MMP effort, FWS is not considering additional or potential expansion of the PRIMNM beyond what has already been implemented by Presidential Proclamations 8336 and 9173," states the FWS reply.

Those presidential proclamations created PRIMNM then tripled it in size, placing over 495,000 square miles of the Pacific off limits. In her June letter to President Biden, Amata urged the administration to seek thorough local input and advice from Pacific territories, saying that American Samoa, as it is thousands of miles from Washington, D.C., "is as rural a community can be in the United States and is traditionally built around a fishing-based culture," before noting that PRIMNM "removed fishing operations from a U.S. EEZ area that was once the size of California and is now four times that!"

Amata

Amata's letter to NOAA Fisheries

In other fishing news, on Wednesday, Amata also wrote the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), also known as NOAA Fisheries, to oppose a proposed rule, in support of Gov. Lemanu P.S. Mauga's concerns that the rule could result in new restrictions for the U.S. fleet. [Proposed Rule and Request for Comments for "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Restrictions in Purse Seine Fisheries and 2022 Longline Bigeye Catch Limit"; 87 FR 55768 (NOAA-NMFS-2022-0082; September 12, 2022) ("Proposed Rule").]

The governor's Sept. 22 letter clarifies American Samoa's concern: "Knowing that this rule will separate U.S. EEZ days from WCPFC high seas days, and that that separation will likely result in closing the high seas where American Samoa's US flag purse seiners operate, thereby reducing the tuna supply to our economy, I cannot support this action being proposed by NOAA," he said.

Amata's letter emphasizes, "As a representative of a district which is heavily reliant on fishing, I believe this rule would have a negative impact not only on the territory of American Samoa and our own economic stability, but on the rest of the United States fishing industry. I am concerned that NMFS's proposal will contribute to the economic distress currently faced by my district due to the ongoing decline of our purse-seine fleet."

She notes, "The rule is unnecessary for compliance with the United State obligations under the WCPFC and hinders the negotiating position of the U.S. industry in critical international access. Furthermore, it is frankly not supported by any scientific reasoning nor does it further any goals of environmental protection or fish stock conservation."

She agreed with the concerns about the rule expressed by Gov. Lemanu, as well as the American Tunaboat Association. "This proposed rule as written is not good for American Samoa and for American fisherman," she concluded. ***(PR)***

USCIS rule on public charge inadmissibility goes into effect in Dec.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced a final rule on the public charge ground of inadmissibility. When you apply to be admitted into the United States or become a lawful permanent resident, USCIS can deny your application if it determines that you are "likely to become a public charge"—meaning you depend primarily on the government to support yourself. The final rule sets out how USCIS will make this determination.

The new rule will go into effect on Dec. 23, 2022 and will apply to applications postmarked on or after that date. Until then, USCIS will continue to apply the 1999 Interim Field Guidance on public charge inadmissibility, as it has done since March 9, 2021.

Why this matters

Under the new rule, USCIS formalizes an approach that allows it to follow the law, protect the country's interests, and address the fear and confusion that previously led eligible noncitizens to disenroll from public benefits (even when they were not subject to the public charge ground).

What USCIS will look at

Under the final rule, USCIS will determine if you are likely to become a public charge based on the following:

Your age, health, family status, financial status (including assets and resources), education, and skills;

Whether a sponsor has submitted Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA, for you (when required); and

Whether you have received or are receiving:

■ Supplemental Security Income (SSI);

■ Cash assistance for income maintenance under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);

■ State, tribal, territorial, or local cash benefit programs for income maintenance (often called "General Assistance"); or

■ Long-term institutionalization at government expense.

What USCIS will not look at

Under the new rule, USCIS will NOT consider the following when making a public charge determination:

Benefits received by your family members;

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other nutrition programs benefits;

■ Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits;

■ Medicaid (other than long-term institutionalization at government expense);

■ Housing benefits;

■ Any benefits related to immunizations or testing for communicable diseases; or

■ Other supplemental or special-purpose benefits.

Under U.S. immigration law, public charge inadmissibility does not affect or apply to some applicants. That means the new rule will not affect you if you are:

■ Already a lawful permanent resident (in most cases);

■ A refugee;

■ An asylee;

■ Applying for or re-registering for Temporary Protected Status;

■ A special immigration juvenile; or

■ Applying for or have T, U, or Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) status.

For a full list of the categories of applicants exempted by Congress from the public charge ground of inadmissibility, see the final rule. ***(PR)***

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MCS THANKS MCDONALD'S

Mount Carmel School thanks McDonald's of Saipan for their recent donation of $5,000 in celebration of the school's 70th anniversary. For more information about the school's 70th anniversary and how to support the school, visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com.

Amata highlights World Mental Health Day

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Uifa'atali Amata is highlighting World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10), and National Depression Screening Day (Oct. 8), which coincide with October as National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month.

While the month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month, October has a different emphasis. In May, the focus is on removing the stigma and recognizing the signs. In October, the educational emphasis is on encouraging screenings and depression awareness, in particular. Learn more from the National Institute of Mental Health.

» October is National Depression and Health Screening Month

"It's important to know that depression can be treated, but that treatment starts with a screening for those who think they might be experiencing depression," said Amata. "Health professionals note that many possible factors can be part of experiencing depression, and people can experience symptoms differently. The message of this month is that no one has to battle depression alone."

October is ADHD Awareness Month

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder is present in the lives of 17 million children and adults in the United States. October is a month to bring awareness, seek continued progress, and celebrate the successes of those living with ADHD, including their families, educators, and caretakers. Learn more from the CDC.

"Our American Samoa health professionals just held a mental health summit, and no one should delay in learning more about their depression, ADHD, or other health challenges, so they can best take care of themselves for the sake of their family and future," concluded Amata. ***(PR)***

Bureau of Military Affairs solicits help from DoD

Palacios

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs solicited assistance from the U.S. Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program. The assistance will include general medical, dental, optometry, behavioral health, public health education campaigns, and veterinary services at no cost to members of the CNMI community on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for these projects may contact Glenna Sakisat Palacios, special assistant to the Governor for Military Affairs, at 670-483-3278, or by email at glenna.sakisat.palacios@gov.mp no later than 30 days after posting of this notice.

Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to assistance for these projects. ***(PR)***

Life & Style

Lawsuit settled, film may resume after Alec Baldwin shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The family of a cinematographer shot and killed by Alec Baldwin on the set of the film "Rust" has agreed to settle a lawsuit against the actor and the movie's producers, and producers aim to restart the project in January despite unresolved workplace safety sanctions.

"We have reached a settlement, subject to court approval, for our wrongful death case against the producers of Rust including Alec Baldwin," said a statement Wednesday from Matthew Hutchins, widower of the cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and a plaintiff in the lawsuit along with their 9-year-old son Andros. "As part of that settlement, our case will be dismissed. The filming of Rust, which I will now executive produce, will resume with all the original principal players on board, in January 2023."

The agreement is a rare piece of positive news for Baldwin, who has had a turbulent year since the Oct. 21 shooting. The actor, who was also a producer on the film, was pointing a gun at Hutchins when it went off, killing her and wounding the director, Joel Souza. They had been inside a small church during setup for filming a scene.

He announced the settlement agreement in an Instagram post.

"Throughout this difficult process, everyone has maintained the specific desire to do what is best for Halyna's son," Baldwin said in the post. "We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the resolution of this tragic and painful situation."

Baldwin has said the gun went off accidentally and that he did not pull the trigger. But a recent FBI forensic report found the weapon could not not have fired unless the trigger was pulled.

New Mexico's Office of the Medical Investigator determined the shooting was an accident following the completion of an autopsy and a review of law enforcement reports.

"I have no interest in engaging in recriminations or attribution of blame (to the producers or Mr. Baldwin)," Matthew Hutchins said in the statement. "All of us believe Halyna's death was a terrible accident. I am grateful that the producers and the entertainment community have come together to pay tribute to Halyna's final work."

Rust Movie Productions continues to challenge the basis of a $137,000 fine against the company by New Mexico occupational safety regulators who say production managers on the set failed to follow standard industry protocols for firearms safety. The state Occupational Health and Safety Review Commission has scheduled an eight-day hearing on the disputed sanctions in April 2023.

Matthew Maez, spokesman for the Environment Department that enforces occupational safety regulations, says immediate gun-safety concerns were addressed when "Rust" ceased filming, and that a return to filming in New Mexico would be accompanied by new safety inspections.

"They're going through the process as they have a right to," Maez said. "They have not paid the fine or accepted the conclusions."

In April, New Mexico's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau imposed the maximum fine against Rust Movie Productions and distributed a scathing narrative of safety failures, including testimony that production managers took limited or no action to address two misfires of blank ammunition on set prior to the fatal shooting.

Rust Movie Productions told safety regulators that misfires prior to the fatal shooting of Hutchins did not violate safety protocols and that "appropriate corrective actions were taken," including briefings of cast and crew.

France: Oscar winners cut off their hair for Iran protesters

PARIS (AP)—Oscar-winning actors Marion Cotillard and Juliette Binoche, as well as other French screen and music stars, filmed themselves chopping off locks of their hair in a video posted Wednesday in support of protesters in Iran.

"For freedom," Binoche said as she hacked a large handful of hair off the top of her head with a pair of scissors, before brandishing it in front of the camera.

The video, hashtagged HairForFreedom, comes with Iran engulfed by anti-government protests. They were sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini after her arrest for allegedly violating the Islamic Republic's strict dress code.

Some of the Iranian demonstrators have publicly hacked off locks of hair at the protests, and the gesture has spread.

Images of women elsewhere cutting their hair to show solidarity with Iranian women have gone viral—from Turkish singer Melek Mosso on stage last week, to women in Lebanon and Syria, to Swedish lawmaker Abir Al-Sahlani in the halls of the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Tuesday. A museum in Rome is collecting locks of hair to present to the Iranian Embassy.

AP

In this image taken from video, Oscar-winning actress Marion Cotillard chops off a lock of her hair to support Iranian protesters standing up to their leadership over the death of Mahsa Amini.

"For women to cut their hair in Iran is a form of protest ... a symbol to stand against the mandatory hijab," said Dorna Javan, an Iranian political scientist based in France and specialized in Iran. Such a visual gesture is a way for women across the world to rally around the Iranian women's plight, she added.

The video of Cotillard, Binoche and dozens of other women cutting off locks of their hair was released on an Instagram account, "soutienfemmesiran"—which translates as "support women in Iran."

"These women, these men are asking for our support. Their courage and their dignity obliges us," said a post with the video.

"We have decided to respond to the appeal made to us by cutting—us too—some of these locks."

'Scrubs' producer Eric Weinberg charged with sex assaults

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eric Weinberg, an executive producer and writer for the hit TV show "Scrubs" and many others, has been charged with sexually assaulting five women that he lured to photo shoots and there could be many more victims, Los Angeles County prosecutors announced Wednesday.

Weinberg, 62, was arrested Tuesday, nearly a week after he was charged with 18 felony counts including rape, oral copulation, forcible sexual penetration, sexual battery by restraint, false imprisonment by use of violence, assault by means of force likely to cause great bodily injury and attempted forcible penetration with a foreign object, according to the district attorney's office.

He was released that day on a $5 million bond. His arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 25.

An email to an agent for Weinberg seeking comment wasn't immediately returned.

Weinberg was charged for alleged attacks between 2014 and 2019, but investigators say they believe there may be other victims of assaults dating back to the 1990s, District Attorney George Gascón said at a news conference.

He urged them to come forward.

"The defendant relied on his Hollywood credentials to lure young women for photo shoots where he allegedly sexually assaulted them," Gascón said. "Power and influence can corrupt some to hurt others, that often leads to a lifetime of trauma for those who are victimized."

LAPD Detective Ryan Lamar said investigators were looking into information received from a tip line regarding possible other assaults by Weinberg.

Couple navigates emotional fallout after miscarriage

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I have just suffered a miscarriage. It was our first pregnancy, and even though it wasn't planned, it was very much wanted. Now that I have recovered from the miscarriage and passed my medical clearances, I have noticed a significant increase in arguments. I know it's happening because we are both still grieving. However, it almost feels like he is trying to push me away.

I do my best to reassure him every day that we will get through this together, and I try my hardest to make sure he knows how loved he is. I'm also working on acknowledging that his healing path will be different from mine. I give him space and have assumed more household duties to take some pressure off him. None of it seems to make a difference.

I'm struggling with how to address my concerns about us coming apart at the seams while still allowing him his space to heal. I also struggle with giving him advice when he asks for it. Because I had to physically go through it, my reactions and methods of healing are substantially different than his. That said, I don't want to minimize his grief or feelings when we talk. What more can I do?

GOING FORWARD IN WASHINGTON

DEAR GOING FORWARD: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your pregnancy, which has been traumatic for both you and your partner. I agree that couples don't necessarily grieve in unison, if that's what's going on. Because you have been doing everything you can to lighten the load on your partner and nothing has worked, consider consulting a licensed psychotherapist to help you both navigate more effectively through this painful time.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been retired for more than 10 years and living in a city I no longer like. I'm alone and have very little means. I'm so tired of just being here and not doing anything. When I tell friends I want to relocate, they always remind me that it's expensive and advise me not to do it. Abby, it's expensive living where I am now.

I thought I'd just take a chance and see if I can get a job right away in a new area. What do you think? I'm depressed and despondent all the time. I feel like I have absolutely nothing to look forward to. I think I could have a chance of finding work somewhere else. Could you please advise me?

DISPLACED IN ARIZONA

DEAR DISPLACED: Boredom and depression are not the same. If you feel you have nothing meaningful to do, first explore what is available in the city in which you live.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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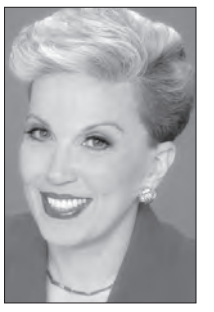

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

If you are depressed, discuss it with a physician to see if some sessions with a psychologist or medication would help. I caution you against moving to a new community with no emotional support system in place, hoping you can find employment. You could wind up more depressed and despondent than you already are.

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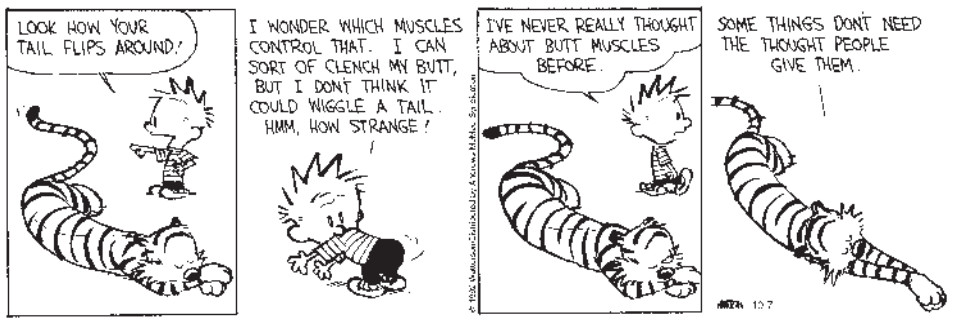
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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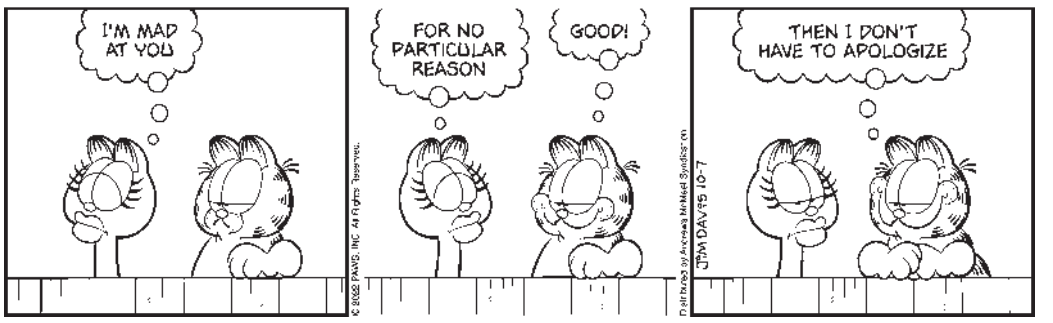
By Jim Davis



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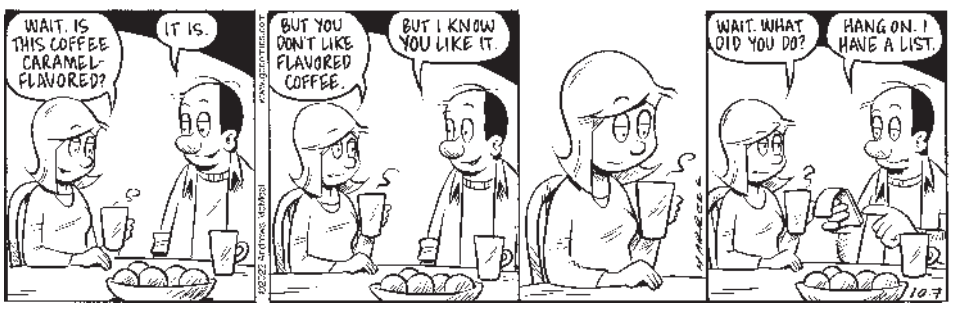
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BUT I KNOW YOU LIKE IT.
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HANG ON. I HAVE A LIST.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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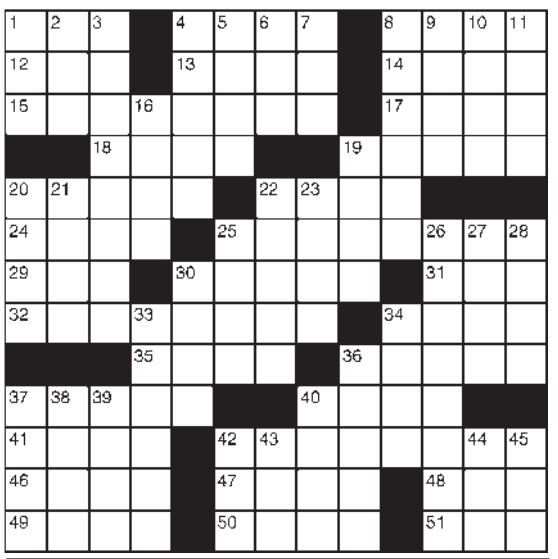

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shawn Ashmore, 43; Toni Braxton, 55; Simon Cowell, 63; Joy Behar, 80.

Happy Birthday: Refuse to let uncertainty set in. Go directly to the source, and you'll get the answers you require to bring your plans to fruition. Trust and believe in yourself, and be willing to put energy into your dreams, hopes and wishes. Don't sit idle when progress is within reach. Discuss your feelings, intentions and self-improvement that offers a healthy, trendy lifestyle with loved ones. Your numbers are 7, 10, 14, 26, 31, 42, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Temptation to overdo things is prevalent. Rethink your financial and professional positions and create a plan to help you stretch your money by doing only what's necessary. A serious relationship needs to be addressed and adjusted. 3 stars

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Change will cause uncertainty. When in doubt, sit tight until you feel comfortable with the changes you want to make. Do whatever it takes to tidy up loose ends, and address sharing private information with caution. Avoid injury and health risks.✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Be careful what you share with others. Don't put yourself in a vulnerable position. Listen and assess situations before you share your opinion. Personal improvement will bring the highest return. A social event will lead to an exciting connection and a new opportunity. ✪✪s

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You know the drill. Your perception will encourage you to forge ahead in a direction that makes you feel good about yourself. A positive change at home or work will bring you closer to those you deal with. Take a unique approach. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Take an aggressive approach to getting things done and making a difference. Reach out to people who can help bring about positive change and who tend to ground you and encourage stability and security. Romance will encourage long-term plans. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Let go of the people and situations that drag you down. Reassess your personal and financial positions, and you'll devise a plan to help you resolve issues that cause tension. Back away from shared expenses or joint ventures. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Take pride in how you look and how you treat others. Reach out to someone who needs help, and together you will make a difference. Added discipline will help you push your way through to victory. Trust your instincts. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Nurture what you love. Build a solid home base that fits your lifestyle. Listen to the experts and check out groups of interest. The information you receive will change your way of thinking. Invest in yourself. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Choose your words wisely. Someone will misinterpret you if you skirt issues or are vague. Add to the comfort of your home by doing the work yourself and saving money. Be creative but don't go over budget. Romance is favored. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Dismiss outdated ideas and concepts and make room for something new and exciting. Take pleasure in using your creative imagination to figure out what you want to do next. Consider pursuing knowledge or learning a trade. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Set a budget to help you reach your financial goal, and save for something you want. It's up to you to bring about change if you aren't happy with your lifestyle. Invest time and money into self-improvement, enlightenment and healthy living. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Fatigue will occur if you lack organization. Listen to what others say and offer, but don't trust anyone to handle matters for you. Keep your discussions honest and your plans doable. Set yourself up for success; represent yourself. ✪✪✪

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✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesturday Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

THE CHILEAN COAST Solution: 8 letters

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Dodgers finish with 111 wins, best in NL since 1906 Cubs

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The Los Angeles Dodgers finished with their 111th victory to become the National League's winningest team in more than a century, and Clayton Kershaw tuned up for the postseason with nine strikeouts in beating the Colorado Rockies 6-1 on Wednesday.

Trea Turner hit a tie-breaking three-run homer in the fifth inning for the NL West champions, who finished 111-51 to become the NL's winningest team since the 1906 Chicago Cubs went 116-36.

Kershaw (12-3) reached 2,807 career strikeouts. He allowed one run and one hit in five innings and walked one as the Dodgers ended a three-game skid.

The Dodgers open the Division Series on Oct. 11 against the New York Mets or San Diego.

The Rockies were held to two hits for the fourth time this season and finished 68-94, equaling their most losses since 2015.

Freddie Freeman doubled and homered in his first two at-bats, but a flyout to the warning track in center field in the fifth ended his hopes of winning the NL batting title. Freeman hit .325 for the season; Jeff McNeil of the New York Mets finished at .326 after sitting Wednesday.

Turner's three-run shot to right-center chased Chad Smith (0-1) and gave the Dodgers a 4-1 lead.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' Gavin Lux (9), Trea Turner (6), Cody Bellinger (35) and Joey Gallo (12) celebrate the team's 6-1 win over the Colorado Rockies in a baseball game Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, in Los Angeles.

Athletics 3, Angels 2

In Oakland, Calif., Stephen Vogt homered in the final at-bat of his career and scored the first run on a sacrifice fly after Shohei Ohtani pitched no-hit ball into the fifth, and Oakland beat Los Angeles.

Ohtani (15-9) finished with a 2.33 ERA and 219 strikeouts in 166 innings, and he hit .273 with 34 homers and 95 RBIs. He became the first player to qualify as a batter and a pitcher since rules for qualification were adopted in 1950.

Mike Trout hit his 40th home run with two outs in the eighth, a 452-foot drive. Trout reached 40 homers for the third time and first since hitting a career-best 45 in his 2019 AL MVP season.

Los Angeles (73-89) finished the year with a third straight loss following a season-best seven-game winning streak.

Twins 10, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Luis Arraez won the AL batting title, hitting a third-inning double after walking twice to finish the season at .316, and Minnesota rolled past Chicago.

Arraez was all but assured of topping the Yankees' Aaron Judge for the batting crown when the day began.

Gary Sanchez and Jermaine Palacios homered during a six-run first inning for Minnesota, which snapped a four-game skid. The Twins finished at 78-84, a six-game improvement over 2021.

The White Sox (81-81), last year's AL Central champions, had their three-game winning streak snapped and finished 12 games worse than their 2021 record.

Sanchez hit his 16th homer, a three-run shot, off Chicago starter Davis Martin (3-6), and he added an RBI double during a three-run second. Martin was charged with nine runs in 2 2/3 innings.

Mariners 5, Tigers 4

In Seattle, Julio Rodríguez put an exclamation point on his Rookie of the Year candidacy with his 28th home run, Ty France hit a game-ending single and Seattle beat Detroit.

Rodríguez set a franchise record with his sixth leadoff homer this season and finished off his rookie campaign hitting .284 with 25 doubles, 75 RBIs and 25 stolen bases.

Mitch Haniger and Luis Torrens each it a two-run homer for the Mariners.

Seattle won it in the ninth after Gregory Soto (2-11) walked Curt Casali and his throwing error on J.P. Crawford's grounder moved Casali into scoring position. Jarred Kelenic walked and France chopped a single down the right-field line.

Rangers 4, Yankees 2

In Arlington, Texas, Aaron Judge was out of the lineup a day after hitting his American League record 62nd homer, and New York lost its regular-season finale to Texas.

The AL East champion Yankees (99-63) missed a chance to reach 100 wins for the 22nd time. They get an extended break before opening the AL Division Series at home on Tuesday.

Charlie Culberson and Jonah Heim homered for the Rangers (68-94), who wrapped up their sixth consecutive losing season.

Rangers rookie Glenn Otto (7-10) struck out five and walked two while allowing two runs and four hits over six innings. Matt Moore, the third Texas reliever, worked the ninth for his fifth save in six chances.

Mets 9, Nationals 2

In New York, Francisco Lindor and New York geared up for the playoffs by routing Washington, completing a fantastic regular season with the second-most wins in franchise history.

Jeff McNeil won the major league batting crown without taking a plate appearance, and New York (101-61) finished with the same record as Atlanta atop the NL East — although the Braves clinched the division title Tuesday because they already held the season-series tiebreaker.

Next up for New York is a best-of-three wild-card series at home against San Diego beginning Friday night.

Lindor hit a three-run double to make it 6-0 in the second inning. Mark Canha launched a three-run homer in the first, and slumping James McCann had three hits, including a three-run homer in the third.

Guardians 9, Royals 2

In Cleveland, José Ramirez drove in two runs and had four hits, Aaron Civale pitched six solid innings and AL Central champion Cleveland beat Kansas City.

Hours after the game, the Royals fired manager Mike Matheny and pitching coach Cal Eldred. Matheny became the fifth big league manager fired this year.

Cleveland (92-70) opens the wild-card round when it hosts Tampa Bay on Friday.

Ramirez had run-scoring singles in the second and sixth and added a double in the eighth.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 4, game 1
Blue Jays 5, Orioles 1, game 2

In Baltimore, Otto Lopez hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the seventh inning, and Toronto beat Baltimore to split a doubleheader.

Terrin Vavra hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth to lift the Orioles in the opener.

Lopez had three hits in the opener and two more in the second game. The Blue Jays, who entered the day having already clinched the top wild card in the American League, finished the regular season 92-70.

Baltimore went 83-79, a remarkable 31-game improvement from a year ago.

Yusei Kikuchi (6-7) retired all five of his hitters in the second game to earn the win in relief for Toronto. Yennier Cano (1-1) took the loss.

Red Sox 6, Rays 3

In Boston, playoff-bound Tampa Bay lost its fifth straight game to finish the regular season as J.D. Martinez hit a pair of home runs for last-place Boston.

Xander Bogaerts also had a pair of hits in what could be his final game for the Red Sox.

Despite losing seven of their last eight games, the Rays went 86-76 to finish third in the AL East and will open the best-of-three wild-card round at Cleveland on Friday.

Ji-Man Choi had three hits, including a two-run homer in the third, for Tampa Bay.

Astros 3, Phillies 2

In Houston, Framber Valdez struck out 10 in five shutout innings to lead Houston past Philadelphia.

Christian Vazquez hit a solo homer and Chas McCormick and Yordan Alvarez drove in runs early to help American League-best Houston (106-56) to its fourth victory in five games.

It was the career-best 17th win for Valdez (17-6), second in the AL behind teammate Justin Verlander's 18. Valdez allowed two singles and walked one as he surpassed 200 innings pitched for the first time in his five-year career.

Ryan Pressly pitched a scoreless ninth for his 33rd save.

Giants 8, Padres 1

In San Diego, David Villar hit two home runs and Austin Slater also connected for San Francisco, which beat playoff-bound San Diego to finish the season at 81-81.

The Padres head to New York to face the Mets in a wild-card series starting Friday night. San Diego finished 89-73. The Giants finished at .500 for the first time in the franchise's 140 seasons.

Reliever Craig Stammen (1-2) started and gave up five runs and six hits in three-plus innings. He struck out three and walked three.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 3

In Pittsburgh, Miguel Andújar had three hits, Diego Castillo added two and Pittsburgh beat playoff-bound St. Louis.

Kevin Newman, Rodolfo Castro and Ji Hwan Bae drove in runs for Pittsburgh. Manny Banuelos (2-1) picked up the win in relief and Johan Ramirez worked the ninth for his second save of the season and first with the Pirates.

Tommy Edman had three of St. Louis' eight hits. Matthew Liberatore (2-2), recalled from Triple-A Memphis earlier in the day, allowed five runs in five innings.

Marlins 12, Braves 9

In Miami, rookie Peyton Burdick homered and drove in four runs to lead Miami over NL East champion Atlanta.

Matt Olson hit his 34th homer and Marcell Ozuna hit his 23rd for the Braves, who finished 101-61 and have a bye into the Division Series next week.

Miami went 69-93 in manager Don Mattingly's last season.

Fortes' two-run homer capped a five-run sixth and gave Miami a 10-6 lead. Jon Berti hit a two-run triple and scored on JJ Bleday's triple off reliever Jesse Chavez (4-3).

Olson's two-run drive off Andrew Nardi (1-1) in the seventh got Atlanta within 10-8 before Burdick connected with a two-run homer in the bottom half.

Diamondbacks 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Josh Rojas and Corbin Carroll hit back-to-back home runs in the ninth inning and Arizona beat Milwaukee.

Milwaukee starter Corbin Burnes crossed the 200-inning threshold for the first time. The reigning NL Cy Young winner worked three perfect innings and fanned five to finish with a career-high 243 strikeouts.

Rowdy Tellez hit his team-leading 35th home run, breaking a 1-1 tie with a solo drive in the Milwaukee eighth off Sean Poppen (2-2).

Christian Walker led off the Arizona ninth with his third hit and Rojas homered off Trevor Gott (3-3). Carroll followed with his fourth homer of the season.

Kevin Ginkel worked a perfect ninth for his first save.

The Diamondbacks went 73-88. Milwaukee finished 87-75.

Cubs 15, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, David Bote drove in a season-high five runs for Chicago as Cincinnati lost 100 games for the first time in four decade.

Cincinnati finished 62-100, one shy of the franchise record for losses set by the 1982 team that went 61-101.

Rebuilding Chicago finished 74-88 and third in the NL Central.

Bote hit a three-run homer before Chicago broke the game open with a six-run sixth capped by Zach McKinstry's three-run home run.

Adbert Alzolay (2-1), the first of five relievers who took over for the injured Adrian Sampson, pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings. Rookie right-hander Graham Ashcraft (5-6) took the loss.

76ers' Doc Rivers merges Black history lessons into camp

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Doc Rivers is at ease using his platform as an NBA coach to fight bigotry and racial injustice, campaign for politicians he believes in and advocate for social change on themes ranging from poverty to police brutality.

Sometimes, his speeches sound like they were delivered by someone running for office. Might the 60-year-old Rivers, the son of a Chicago police officer, someday stump for change as an actual politician?

"Oh God, no. I wouldn't win, number one," Rivers said. "And number two, that's not what I want to be."

Rivers is fine with wading into political waters — and the older he gets and the more he learns about modern issues and Black history with deep meaning to him, the more he speaks out. At Donald Trump. At police misconduct. At the horrors of racism that have shadowed him his entire life. At the idea that, even as coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, it can still be hard to find his place as a Black man in America.

"When you hear, 'America first,' that scares me, because I'm a Black man and that's not including me," Rivers said last week in an interview with The Associated Press. "I want us to all be included. I want us all to function with each other."

Rivers has become an agent of change in the NBA and found his voice as an activist, trying to contribute perhaps more to the league than he has already, first as an All-Star guard and then with a coaching career that includes the 2008 championship with Boston and a spot this year on the list of the 15 Greatest Coaches in NBA History. That outreach starts at home — or perhaps, on this point, on the road — where Rivers used training camp not just as the usual time to rehash X's and O's but as a daily history class. The Sixers practiced at The Citadel, the military college where tanks and jets and plaques dedicated to prisoners of wars dot the campus, an education all part of Rivers' plan to squeeze more out of camp than basketball.

"All of it is good for us," Rivers said.

The Sixers usually hold camp at their New Jersey complex but Rivers wanted to strengthen team bonding with a road trip. The Sixers gathered last week for team dinners, played card and video games, and had serious conversations, the type of day-to-day activities largely shelved the last two seasons because of COVID-19 protocols.

AP

Philadelphia 76ers head coach Doc Rivers speaks with Danuel House after practice on the first day of Philadelphia 76ers NBA basketball training camp at the McAlister Field House on the campus of The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022.

"When you have camp at home, you don't get that," Rivers said. "They go home at the end of practice and they don't spend time with each other."

Rivers was a guard with the Knicks in the early 1990s when the team held camp at the College of Charleston. Back then, coach Pat Riley made the players walk from the team hotel to the arena.

The 76ers stuck to the team bus last week.

Rivers and the Sixers organized field trips to the Old Slave Mart Museum, often staffed by individuals who trace their history to the enslaved people of Charleston, and to the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture. Citadel President Gen. Glenn Walters and retired professor and historian Bernard Powers both spoke to the team.

"My people, my African people coming here, the people that gave up their lives for us to be able to be in this position, it was good to learn about all of that," said center Joel Embiid, who was born in Cameroon and recently became a U.S. citizen.

Powers said by phone that he talked to the Sixers at their team hotel about such topics as the role Charleston played in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, the slave revolt of 1739 and the descendants of enslaved people known as Gullah, who live in small island communities scattered over 425 miles (684 kilometers) of the Southern Atlantic U.S. coast.

"This was the port where a greatly disproportionate number of Africans were brought here," Powers said. "This place, more than any other, might be very likely a source of their ancestry. They could think about perhaps having a personal connection to this place."

Rivers believed the experiences resonated with a team full of 20-somethings all the way up to coaching staff veterans.

"Teaching American history is under assault right now. And it's not Black history or teaching about slavery, it's American history," Rivers said. "And so I was amazed. The first thing that I was taught the other day was, how many players, and not only players, coaches, came up to me and said, 'Wow, I never was taught that in my history class.'"

Rivers referenced learning about shameful historic chapters such as the Tulsa Race Massacre as an adult rather than learning about the white mobs in school as one reason he has pushed for more Black history to be taught in all schools.

"You should know your history. You really should," Rivers said. "Could you imagine if we were not taught the history of Germany and the Holocaust? There really is no difference. I want to make sure we're taught the same history."

History matters, but it's today's headlines that trouble Rivers.

Before he took questions from reporters after Wednesday's practice at The Citadel, Rivers addressed the death of a 14-year-old shot in the chest near a northwest Philadelphia high school athletic field. The shooting occurred hours after Mayor Jim Kenney signed an executive order banning guns and deadly weapons from the city's indoor and outdoor recreation spaces including parks, basketball courts and pools.

Rivers, as he has in the past, urged for stricter laws on firearms.

"Obviously, if anybody knew the answer, we would try to find the answer there, you know, other than taking guns off the street," Rivers told reporters. "But that's too political. So we've got to figure it out."

Rivers mentioned a few times during his AP interview that he doesn't want to get "too political" but matters of state matter to him. He was invited before the 2020 election to speak at a Joe Biden rally after the Democratic presidential candidate used Rivers' words on the Jacob Blake police shooting in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in his own speech at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, calling for racial unity. Rivers later decried the riotous Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, though he said at the time that "democracy will prevail."

"I didn't used to be" political, Rivers said. "I've always been aware of politics, I've always been involved. But what got me involved is, we have this separation of race now, of pitting races against each other."

Rivers serves on the board of the NBA Social Justice Coalition. The advocacy organization called members of Congress in support of an executive order designed to improve accountability in policing. Rivers was in Washington when Biden signed the order on the second anniversary of George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police. The order was meant to reflect the challenges in addressing racism, excessive use of force and public safety when Congress is deadlocked on stronger measures.

"I think we need police reform," Rivers said. "Our training has to be better. The thing that bothers me is that everyone should want that, including the police."

The Sixers coach said today's NBA players are more politically aware and involved in societal change than when he played in the 1980s and '90s but he wanted more of the wealthy players, especially ones with millions of social media followers, to speak up on thorny current events. Rivers talked to the Sixers about the power of voting — the NBA this season scheduled no games on Nov. 8, which is Election Day — but won't force his players to vote.

But he can make them listen.

LeBron in Vegas? He makes an expansion pitch to Adam Silver

LAS VEGAS (AP)—LeBron James came to Las Vegas for a preseason game. And a pitch.

James, who has spoken in the past about wanting to eventually own an NBA franchise — with Las Vegas on his mind — sent a crystal-clear message to Commissioner Adam Silver on Wednesday night, reminding him of his future plans.

"I know Adam is in Abu Dhabi right now, I believe. But he probably sees every single interview and transcript that comes through from NBA players," James said after the Lakers' matchup with the Phoenix Suns. "So, I want the team here, Adam. Thank you."

Silver is indeed in Abu Dhabi, for preseason games this week between the Milwaukee Bucks and Atlanta Hawks. He has spoken of expansion plans many times in recent years, but there has also been a clear belief that the NBA won't move forward on adding teams until the next Collective Bargaining Agreement and television deals are complete.

That said, Silver has called Las Vegas "a great sports market." The NBA already has deep ties to Las Vegas, and holds its Summer League there.

"As I said before, at some point, this league invariably will expand, but it's not at this moment that we are discussing it," Silver said earlier this year. "But one of the factors in expanding is the potential dilution of talent."

James said in June on his show "The Shop: Uninterrupted" on HBO Sports that he wants to own a team and revealed his plans to have it in Las Vegas, which has long been mentioned as a possible expansion site.

Fans in Las Vegas gave James loud ovations Wednesday night, and he responded by scoring 23 points in 18 minutes. He appeared in only the first half, making 8 of his 11 shots.

He looked right at home. And if Las Vegas becomes a business home one day, James clearly wouldn't mind.

"It's the best fan base in the world and I would love to bring a team here at some point," James said. "That would be amazing."

Hana FC tops Matansa FC in MSL

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Hana FC had an auspicious start in the Marianas Soccer League Fall Season 2022 after beating Matansa FC, 4-2, in Division B last Friday at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The game started out with a slow burn with neither team able to get the ball past either side's goalies.

The first goal finally lit through the field in the 12th minute, made by Ace Lee of Hana FC. Then, the ball shot from one end of the field to the next, with Lee scoring again just six minutes later.

Lee completed the hat-trick, as he torched the ball through the goal posts for one more goal after Matansa's Gabriel Arkoh Jr. scored one, for a score of 3-1.

Further on in the heated game, Scott Kim of Hana FC was handed a yellowcard for rough play against Matansa.

Later, Lee continued his hot streak, igniting the ball for the fourth and last time to put their team up, 4-1. Matansa came burning through a little late as they scored their final goal in the 53rd minute, made by Juhn Tenorio.

The Hana FC players for the night were Byung In Lee, Sang Hyun Chun, Sang Hun Lee, Boaz Lim, Paul Jang, Don Cabrera, Khan Lee, Marcus Ahn, Byeoung Seon Oh, Matthew Ong, Ace Lee, Scott Kim, Edwin Kim, and Cody Leon.

Shirley's FC 3, Old B Bank 0

Shirley's FC dominated the field, shutting down Old B Bank, 3-0, in the other Division B game of the night.

Sean Gil carried his team, scoring two goal—one in the first half, and the other in the second half.

Ho Jin Woo chipped in one goal toward the end of the game for the final 3-0 score.

WNT Developmental Team 4, Chang Bai Hu FC 2

The last Division B game of the night was WNT Development Team's win over Chang Bai Hu FC, 4-2.

The women of the Development Team made mincemeat of the Chang Bai Hu ladies and gents as early on Khristelle Itaas scored the first goal in the seventh minute.

Chang Bai Hu would score 17 minutes later, with their last-ditch effort at 54 minutes in, for only two goals.

Pia Ngewakl, Kaithlyn Chavez, and Audrey Castro scored the three other goals for the WNT Developmental Team, for a final score of 4-2.

DIVISION A Paire FC 2, Eleven Tiger 0

In the second day of the Marianas Soccer League Fall Season 2022, Paire FC and Eleven Tiger duked it out in the A Division, with Paire getting the better of Eleven Tiger, 2-0, last Sunday at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

NMIFA

A Hana Football Club soccer player kicks the ball during one of their Marianas Soccer League game against Chang Bai Hu in the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville

SIS undefeated so far in MS soccer

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Saipan International School remained undefeated in Group B of the middle school division of the 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League.

They kept their squeaky clean mark after a 10-0 whipping of Tanapag Middle School 2 last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The win put Geckos up 3-0 in the standings, while the Tatagas still have no wins to show for after three games.

SIS' Moshe Sikkel slipped past the goalie just four minutes into the game and scored a total of four goals.

LEIGH GASES

Aiden Camacho from Saipan International School, left, is tangled up with a Mount Carmel School soccer player during one of their games in the NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

After Sikkel's second goal, he was followed by a barrage of attacks to the net throughout the first half of the game by his teammates Taiga Namai-Scoggins, Leonard Delemarle, and Nason Wessel that pegged the score at 7-0.

The Tatagas scurried on and fought until the bitter end, but were not able to put pressure on the goalie to score a single goal.

The Geckos, on the other hand, bagged three more goals in the second half, resulting in the 10-0 final score.

The Gecko lineup includes Aiden Camacho, Dean Duenas, Daniel Joab, Theo Joab, Yutaro Kitagawa, Taiga Namai-Scoggins, Landon Pudney, Keoni Ruszala, Moshe Sikkel, Nason Wessel, Leonard Delemarle, Sean Park, and Akeen Edvalson.

MCS 4, HMS-1 1

Mount Carmel School doused Hopwood Middle School 1's try for a second win, defeating them, 4-1, in the second middle school game of the day.

With this win, the Knights are at 2-1, while the Hilitais are going the other way at 1-2.

The first half went by swiftly as the boys on either side could not slip one past the goalies. Finally, in the 22nd minute, the Knights found a hole in the Hilitais' defenses and punctured through a goal courtesy of Akoni Matsumoto.

The Hilitais tried to set up a counterattack but it didn't come as soon as they'd hoped as they only retaliated toward the end of the game thanks to Branson Santos.

By this time, the Knights had already scored three more goals, which set them up for the win, 4-1.

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more goals in them to score, as they fell like sitting ducks against the Kingfishers, 4-3.

At the end of the game, Owens won the Golden Boot as he collected the most goals of the season at 28 goals.

The Kingfishers emerged from the Group C division, carrying their undefeated 5-0 regular season finish to the playoffs. They defeated San Vicente Elementary School 1 in the quarterfinals, 3-0, moving up to the semifinals against their sister team, WSR 1, which they defeated, 13-2.

The champion team, along with MVP Lizama and Tenorio, consists of Aldric Jon Antonio, John Paul Binghit, Roswell Castillo, Darshwana Chhetri, Salman Kamal, Michael Olaitiman, Jiro Quindoza, and Canisio Williams.

GCA 2, WSR-1 1

William S. Reyes Elementary School 1 and Grace Christian took to the field for the battle for third in the 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League, with GCA winning with just one goal ahead, 2-1.

The Kingfishers drew first blood as Landin Reyes scored their only goal in the sixth minute of the game.

Princess Sariol of the Eagles tied up the game quickly in the 13th minute, with Sarang Lee scoring the winning goal in the second half, and the Kingfishers fell after they were not able to hit back.

The Eagles were second best in Group A and defeated Koblerville Elementary School in the quarterfinals. They reached the semifinals and challenged GES 1, which they lost and ended up vying for bronze against WSR 1.

In the regular season, GCA had a 4-1 win-loss record.

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The key point I'm making is, there's a lot more thought that goes into a plan that is truly results-oriented. What drives sound training is very individual—and letting soreness and fatigue dictate the effectiveness of your workout is outdated and not very smart. This may seem oversimplified, but there's a world of difference between getting tired and getting better.

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coaches," said NMIBF board member Marlene Lumabi, who led the activities and was assisted by members of the NMI Senior National Program and NMIBF vice president David John Apatang.

Students from different schools showed up in the first session and started doing drills together with individuals that they either never met before or had limited interaction with.

"They were very energetic and interested in learning, especially when we're having team drills," Lumabi said. "They interacted with students and the coaches and asked many questions."

For the succeeding sessions, participants were taught of the fundamentals of the sport, such as dribbling, passing, and shooting, while facilitators also demonstrated to them basic ways of playing defense.

Lee, one of the youngest participants in the program, said having many people around to teach and encourage her how to do and complete the drills helped her to keep going no matter how many times she fumbled the ball.

As for older participants, especially students that have started taking up the sport, Lumabi said they are thankful to get a chance to learn new techniques.

"Majority of our participants play for their middle school girls basketball team and many of them expressed their excitement to take what they have learned from the program to play better and help their squad," Lumabi said.

Meanwhile, the NMIBF will conclude the Her World Her Rules activities with a banquet and recognition ceremony this Saturday, Oct. 8, starting at 9am at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

The NMIBF would like to thank FIBA Oceania, the volunteer coaches and players, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for supporting its activities for the Her World Her Rules program. ***(PR)***

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Kingfishers 2 wins elementary school crown

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The 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League champions William S. Reyes 2 show off their championship trophy and is joined by their head coach, Elaine Enriquez, second right, after their finals game against Garapan Elementary School 1 Wednesday at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

LEIGH GASES

Joshua Lizama shows off his most valuable trophy during the awards ceremony of the elementary division of the 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League.

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In an exhilarating finals match, William S. Reyes Elementary School 2 and Garapan Elementary School 1 went head-to-head, with the Kingfishers emerging as champions of the 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League last Wednesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The two schools played into the sunset in front of a huge crowd made up of family, friends, classmates, and teachers who cheered them on.

The game was on as the Kingfishers wasted no time and pushed onto the Mallards' home net, getting ever closer with each kick.

The speedy high-flying Kingfishers continued their conquest of the Mallards into the first half—with Joshua Lizama drawing first blood 10 minutes into the game, which was greeted by an uproar of cheers from WSR supporters in the stands and on the sidelines.

Lizama ended up completing a hat-trick, as he scored three goals in the game—much to the excitement of the audience in attendance and his teammates.

He received the award of most valuable player after his stellar performance and hat-trick during the match.

The first half came and went, with the Kingfishers in the lead at 3-0 after Izaiah Tenorio scored one goal after Lizama's two.

However, GES, led by Kanoa Owens, fought back as the Mallards made strikes at the goal, with Owens' first goal an easy kick into the net to finally put the Mallards on the board.

Owens came striking down once again to score a second goal, inching closer to tie up the game.

To the dismay of the Mallards, Lizama added one more goal for a score of 4-2.

Owens struck down one more goal but time ran out as the Group A topnotcher had no

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Her World Her Rules: Learning basketball and more

Six-year-old Emma Lee was hit by the ball a couple of times, but got back up and joined a host of young girls in having fun and learning drills during the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's edition of Her World Her Rules program.

This kind of attitude and other learning experiences are the outputs that Her World Her Rules wants to see from its activities. The program, one of FIBA's most recognized initiatives in women's basketball and a unique project aimed at promoting women's and girls' basketball across the globe, helps develop positive character, discover new friendships, and encourage skills improvement. The NMIBF hosted a series of Her World Her Rules activities last week, drawing more than 30 young girls to the program.

"For the first session (last Sept. 27), the team and I conducted some basketball games and icebreakers for the girls to get better acquainted with each other and us, the

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The combo photos show the participants and facilitators of the Her World Her Rules program posing for a group photo, left, and getting ready to do drills at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium last week.

Fatigue and intelligent programming

Ask DRE:

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Every time I think about the absurd things I used to do from a nutritional standpoint, I can't help but laugh. In my defense, the landscape was totally different 10 years ago. Luckily, there's more than enough research to support that good nutrition is actually pretty darn simple. I know, right?

Groundbreaking. This is why I really wish people would stop overthinking this part and realize there's no magic behind eliminating a certain food group.

The training front on the other hand, while one could argue the same, there are many variables to consider. Your anatomy and injury history, exercise selection, setup, execution—they all matter. And beyond that, how you sequence your workout is a variable that is becoming quite important in the context of maximizing progress and mitigating fatigue. In fact, that's the one glaring mistake being made with beginners. They do way too much than is needed. More reps per set, or going crazy by adding more drop sets, and more HIIT workouts isn't the answer. I'm not saying to treat yourself like a delicate flower. However, with what we know now seldom do we need to be doing a boatload of volume to make legitimate gains.

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